

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE:

ADVISEMENT DOCKET

Nos. 97624 - Hon. Ann B. Jorgensen, Judge for the Circuit Court  
97656 of Cook County, et al., etc., appellees, v. Hon.  
Cons. Rod R. Blagojevich, etc., et al., appellants.

Joint motion by the parties for approval of the settlement. Joint motion allowed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. The Comptroller of the State of Illinois shall pay the sum of \$572,000 in full and complete settlement of all claims for interest and attorney fees asserted by the plaintiff judges in these consolidated cases. Said payment shall be made in a lump sum to the William J. Harte, Ltd. Client Trust Fund.

2. The Comptroller of the State of Illinois shall deduct from the March 2005 salary of each plaintiff judge who is a member of the class the equivalent of 5% of the gross amount of the back pay paid to that plaintiff judge pursuant to this Court's May 20, 2004 order. The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts shall submit to the Comptroller vouchers for payment with the appropriate amount deducted for each plaintiff judge who is a member of the class. The Comptroller shall issue to William J. Harte, Ltd. Client Trust Fund a warrant(s) for payment equivalent to the sum total of the amounts deducted.

3. Each resigned or retired judge who is a member of the class and who received back-pay award as a result of the May 20, 2004 order is directed by this order to pay to the William J. Harte, Ltd. Client Trust Fund an amount equal to 5% of the gross amount of back-pay award. The Class Representatives are directed to send a copy of this order to each such resigned or retired judge.

Order entered by the Court.